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## CLUB TALKS OF LOCAL AFFAIRS

INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT  
SESSION HELD LAST NIGHT  
ON WEST SIDE.

### DISCUSS RAILROAD PROJECTS

F. MEREDITH JONES BELIEVES  
PHELPS-DODGE CUT-OFF  
WILL BE BUILT.

### PLANS FOR CONCRETE BRIDGE

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO NE-  
GOTIATE FOR C. S. ROGERS'  
BLACKSMITH SHOP.

More than thirty of the prominent  
business men and members of the  
club took part in an exceedingly in-  
teresting meeting at the rooms of the  
Las Vegas club last evening.

George E. Morrison, the county  
engineer, was present and informed  
the citizens that he was at work pre-  
paring plans for a bridge to be built  
by the county across the Gallinas  
river between the two towns, and  
that the county desired the citizens  
to purchase the Rogers blacksmith  
shop on the south side of Bridge  
street in order that the bridge should  
be long enough to give sufficient wa-  
ter-way in flood times. The intention  
of the county is to put in a good sub-  
stantial cement bridge, the full width  
of the present bridge with sidewalk  
room on each side, of eight feet, and  
have a driveway on each side with  
the car track in the center.

The chair appointed a committee  
consisting of Messrs. Charles Hifeid,  
John D. W. Veeder and Jake Stern,  
to interview C. S. Rogers, the  
owner of the shop, as to the price to  
be paid for the same and in case that  
a price could not be agreed upon to  
proceed with condemnation proceed-  
ings.

F. Meredith Jones, a railroad en-  
gineer of wide experience and well  
known to the people of Las Vegas,  
was also present at the meeting and  
made an interesting talk. He stated  
that in his opinion the Phelps-Dodge  
people would build a branch through  
Las Vegas to the Dawson coal fields.

He discussed other feasible railroad  
projects for Las Vegas. He thought  
that the most important line for this  
city would be a connection from here  
south to Tablin on the Belen cut-off,  
as this would give the Santa Fe a di-  
rect connection with the coal fields of  
Colfax county to its Belen cut-off and  
all the railroads through eastern New  
Mexico and western Texas and would  
give Las Vegas connection with the  
south. In his opinion the greatest  
resources of Las Vegas are its cli-  
mate and mountain scenery and that if  
these were properly advertised  
throughout the south, with a direct  
connection, that all people who now  
go to Colorado and points north would  
come to Las Vegas.

A survey of this line was made by  
Baldwin in 1882. It would be about  
one hundred miles in length and the  
cost would be very reasonable.

He stated that the entire country  
east and south of Las Vegas was  
timberless and coalless and the pro-  
posed route would make a good ter-  
ritory accessible to the coal fields in  
northern New Mexico. That the Be-  
len cut-off, the Pecos Valley and Pe-  
cos & Northern Texas lines could  
largely be supplied with coal on this  
route. The Coleman-Texico branch  
will soon be under construction and  
this line could then carry this coal  
well down toward the center of Tex-  
as. He gave the following as a ta-  
ble of distances from Las Vegas to  
some of the points in the lower coun-  
try:

Clovis, 170 miles; Roswell, 280  
miles; Coleman, 465 miles; Temple,  
625 miles; Galveston, 840 miles.

The present travel between this

city and Galveston is by the way of  
Newton, Kansas, and is over a dis-  
tance of 1,410 miles; the proposed  
route would be approximately 600  
miles less.

He stated that to an outsider it  
would seem that the scheme as out-  
lined was one that would deserve  
some consideration by the people of  
this community.

He also stated that another feasi-  
ble railroad for Las Vegas would be  
in the direction of Gallinas Springs  
and from there to Tucumcari, New  
Mexico, connecting with the Choctaw  
railroad which is at present being  
built from Amarillo, Texas to Tucum-  
cari. In his opinion these were more  
feasible propositions than the exten-  
sion of the railroad from Dalhart,  
Texas, to Las Vegas, which is under  
consideration by the club.

The chair appointed the following:  
Messrs. Max Nordhaus, George H.  
Hunker, R. B. Schoonmaker, Sig-  
mund Nahm and Isaac Appel, as a  
committee on railroads to act in con-  
nection with a similar committee to  
be appointed by the Commercial club.

The attention of the club was called  
by Mr. Nordhaus to the editorial  
in The Optic of Wednesday on the  
subject of "Good Roads," and the  
same was commended. The chair ap-  
pointed a committee, consisting of fol-  
lowing gentlemen, Charles Danziger,  
Jake Stern, Morris Danziger, Max  
Nordhaus and James Saxton as a  
committee on good roads to act in con-  
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## MULLENS APPEALS CASE TO SUPREME COURT OF NATION

GIVEN HIS LIBERTY ON FUR-  
NISHING BOND TO AMOUNT  
OF \$10,000.

Defendant indicted at Corydon, Iowa,  
on charge of Obtaining \$15,000 by  
False Pretenses.

Santa Fe, April 1.—R. G. Mullens of  
New Mexico, who with R. M. Nichols,  
was indicted at Corydon, Ia., on the  
charge of obtaining \$15,000 by false  
pretense and whose application for a  
writ of habeas corpus, made after re-  
quisition papers issued by the gov-  
ernor of Iowa had been honored by the  
governor of New Mexico, was decided  
against him, has appealed the case to  
the United States supreme court, and  
has been released on \$10,000 bond.

Until three months ago it was  
charged that Nichols and Mullens had  
lived in Corydon and represented  
themselves as agents of the "South-  
western Smelting & Refining com-  
pany" capitalized at \$1,000,000. The  
company, it is asserted, went in-  
to receivership after Nichols and Mul-  
lens had sold \$15,000 in stock. Both  
declare that they were engaged in a  
legitimate business. Both left Iowa  
and the indictments followed.

### ENGINEERS IN THE FIELD.

In confirmation of the report that  
the El Paso & Southwestern and the  
Rock Island have come to a parting  
of the ways, F. Meredith Jones of El  
Las Vegas, yesterday received a tele-  
gram from J. L. Campbell, chief en-  
gineer for the Southwestern at El Paso,  
Texas.

The telegram was one of inquiry  
as to whether Mr. Jones could leave  
Las Vegas by next train with a num-  
ber of instrument men. This he could  
not do for the reason that he has just  
accepted an important position in the  
timber department of the Santa Fe  
Railway company.

### Elliot Declines Ambassadorship.

Washington, April 1.—Retiring  
President Charles W. Elliot of Har-  
vard university reported today receiv-  
ing from President Taft a tender of  
the ambassadorship to Great Britain.  
He expressed his appreciation of the  
honor but said he would be unable  
to accept the post.

### Cannot Cash Checks in Saloons.

Sedalia, Mo., April 1.—"Any em-  
ploye of the Missouri, Kansas & Tex-  
as railway company in the future who  
has a pay check cashed in a saloon,  
will be discharged." The foregoing  
is the substance of a general cir-  
cular issued today by Supt. N. J. Pin-  
ney.

## PRISON NOW TO CONTINUE MASS OF RUINS DEBATE ON TARIFF

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION AT  
LEAVENWORTH, KANS., DES-  
TROYED BY FIRE.

### FOUR FINE BUILDINGS LOST

ALL PRISONERS ARE SAVED  
FROM FLAMES BUT NONE  
ESCAPE CUSTODY.

### SOLDIERS MAINTAIN ORDER

TWELVE HUNDRED CALLED OUT  
AND CONVICTS ARE HELD  
UNDER LEVELLED RIFLES.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 1.—One  
thousand two hundred soldiers were  
required to maintain order and pre-  
vent the escape of prisoners early this  
morning, when fire destroyed four  
buildings of the federal military  
prison. The fire which started prob-  
ably in the prison tailor shop, gained  
rapid headway and the fire depart-  
ment of Leavenworth was called out.

When the fire became distressingly  
hot near the cell houses, guard lines  
were formed about the buildings. The  
convicts first were overjoyed and  
yelled "Let her burn," but when the  
flames leaped nearer, a panic seized  
them and they begged to be let out.  
Colonel Laughborough, seeing the  
danger, ordered the doors opened and  
the prisoners were marched to a far  
corner of the yard and huddled under  
the leveled rifles of the guards. Later  
the infantry was called out and then  
the Leavenworth fire department re-  
sponded, but could not save the build-  
ings. It will not be rebuilt, as a new  
prison is under construction. The  
prisoners are 800 men, practically all  
short term military offenders.

## RODEY REFERRED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Special to The Optic.

Washington, April 1.—Judge B. S.  
Rodey of the supreme court of Porto  
Rico, called upon President Taft to-  
day, who referred him and his causa  
to the attorney general, whom he will  
see this afternoon. Judge Rodey  
makes his home in Albuquerque. He  
was appointed to the bench by Pres-  
ident Roosevelt. He has had a great  
deal of trouble since he has taken up  
the ermine in Porto Rico and recent-  
ly the legislature refused to make an  
appropriation for the expenses of his  
court.

### Gas for Mexican Capital.

Los Angeles, April 1.—The first gas  
manufactured in the Mexican repub-  
lic will be furnished the City of  
Mexico by December 1, by the Mex-  
ican National Gas company. A \$2,  
500,000 Delaware corporation has been  
formed by Los Angeles and San  
Francisco capitalists. The municipal  
government of the capital city has  
granted concessions for improve-  
ments.

## IMMENSE ENTERPRISE WHICH WILL LOCATE IN LAS VEGAS

A few members of the Las Vegas  
Commercial club have known for  
some time that a Chicago syndicate—  
The United States Sugar Co.—was  
figuring on buying all the land be-  
tween this city and the canyon. Late  
last night the deal was consummated  
and the company will begin opera-  
tions at once. They have closed a  
contract with the Agua Pura company  
for the water and the contracts for  
the construction of the irrigation  
ditches will be let shortly. The com-  
pany proposes to use every available

REPUBLICAN LEADERS ABANDON  
PLAN TO CURTAIL  
SPEECHES.

### GAINES DEFENDS MEASURE

MONDELL OF WYOMING STRONG-  
LY OPPOSED TO PAYNE PRO-  
VISION FOR COAL.

### FAVORS HIGH DUTY ON WOOL

OPPOSED TO FREE IMPORTATION  
OF LARGE AMOUNT OF PHIL-  
IPPINE TOBACCO.

Washington, April 1.—The plan of  
the republican leaders to close the  
debate on the tariff bill having been  
abandoned, there was only a slight  
increase in attendance when the  
house met today. The consideration  
of the Payne bill was resumed.

Cantrill of Kentucky, in a maiden  
speech, discussed the tobacco and  
hemp schedules. Because tobacco is  
a prey of the great trust, he said, it  
needed protection.

The bill, he declared, offered no  
protection to hemp as a foreign com-  
petitor could come in free.

The senate today began the consid-  
eration of Senator Bacon's resolution  
that the democrats should be repre-  
sented in all the hearings by the  
finance committee. Aldrich resisted  
the resolution, declaring that the re-  
publicans would be held responsible  
for tariff legislation and should shape  
the bill for the senate. He declared  
that the minority could do just what  
the majority is doing.

The senate by a viva voce vote, to-  
day adopted the Hale resolution to  
confine the business of the session to  
the tariff measure alone, with the  
single exception of the bill for the  
next census.

Speaker Cannon, after a conference  
with Taft this morning, was asked  
when a vote would be taken on the  
Payne bill. "God knows," he replied.  
A general defense of the Payne  
bill was made by Gaines of West Vir-  
ginia, member of the ways and means  
committee.

Claiming that the great coal opera-  
tors of western Pennsylvania and  
Ohio, who, he said, now enjoy a mono-  
poly of the Ontario markets, favor  
the reciprocity arrangements with re-  
gard to free bituminous coal because  
it would mean an additional profit of  
millions of dollars to them, Mr. Mon-  
dell of Wyoming, opposed the Payne  
provision for coal.

"From my viewpoint," he said, "the  
bill contains a number of changes  
from the present law, which are not  
justifiable."

Claiming that the duty on wools of  
the third class should be retained as  
at present and that there should be  
no reduction in the duty on tops and  
waste, he held that the reductions in  
duties on leathers and its manufac-  
tures did not justify placing hides on  
the free list as hides is one of the

few items on the tariff, which direct-  
ly benefits the farmers.

"I am opposed to the free importation," he said, "of a large amount of  
Philippine tobacco and cigars and  
\$300,000 tons of sugar annually."

Mr. Mondell declared that the  
change of rates whereby slack is to  
pay the same as lump coal will so af-  
fect certain large consumers, notably  
railroad lines as to cause them to  
throw all their influence in favor of a  
reciprocity arrangement.

"I deny," he declared, "that reci-  
procity in coal would give New Eng-  
land cheaper coal on the average or  
in the long run, but if it should re-  
duce the price a few cents a ton, it  
must be at the expense of having Am-  
erican products driven from other  
markets by a foreign product."

He asserted that the wages to the  
American laborer would be reduced  
by free coal.

Mr. Mondell said: "The federal gov-  
ernment owns at least 20,000,000  
acres of land in Wyoming, Montana  
and Idaho, containing coal of good  
quality and at least as much more  
containing coal of lower grades, the  
value of all of which will be directly  
and seriously affected by the Cana-  
dian coal and curiously enough the  
executive departments are endeavor-  
ing to boost the price on those lands."

Referring to the Alaska coal fields,  
Mr. Mondell said that it is of the ut-  
most importance that they be devel-  
oped, as without them an American  
fleet in the Pacific might be seriously  
handicapped.

## INDIAN CHIEF AT LARGE BUT TROOPS ARE CALLED BACK

COLONEL HOFFMAN IS DISBAN-  
DING MILITIA AND CONSIDERS  
TROUBLE OVER.

Reports are To Effect That Chitto  
Harjo is Hiding in a Secluded  
Gulch in the Tiger Mountains.

Pierce, Okla., April 1.—Although  
Chief Crazy Snake is still at large,  
Colonel Hoffman is disbanding his  
military and considers the situation  
well in hand. No trouble is reported.

Reports that Chitto Harjo is hiding  
in some secluded gulch in the Tiger  
mountains about six miles from here  
have been confirmed.

Crazy Snake's inquiry as to protec-  
tion in case of surrender was not of-  
ficial, but was communicated in a  
round-about way in keeping with the  
characteristic cunning of the man  
supposed to have sent it.

On Monday night an Indian boy  
came to the home of Dr. M. K. Mc-  
Dhenny, at Brush Hill, six miles from  
here. The boy said the old Indian  
had suffered a slight gunshot wound  
in his leg last Sunday, but was able  
to move. The lad declared that the  
fugitive wished to surrender if Dr.  
McDhenny would guarantee fair  
treatment.

### Tallmadge Arrives Safely.

Chicago, April 1.—The special train  
bearing C. L. Tallmadge, the Chicago  
and Denver real estate man, from  
Santa Fe, N. M., arrived here last  
night. Mr. Tallmadge was little the  
worse for the trip, his relatives said.  
He was rushed to a hospital.

### Mine Workers Celebrating.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—Mining  
operations were suspended today in  
the hard coal districts of Pennsylvania,  
because the mine workers are cele-  
brating the anniversary of the grant-  
ing of an eight-hour work day  
in the soft coal regions.

### Prisoners Recaptured.

San Francisco, April 1.—Michael  
McKenna and Alexander Hagen, the  
long term convicts, who escaped from  
Folsom Monday, were arrested today  
after a state wide search. The men  
were stowed away on a river steamer.

### Remains Sent Home.

The remains of N. W. O'Duffy were  
shipped to South Bend, Ind., on No.  
8 this morning, by Undertakers J. C.  
Johnsen & Son, W. S. Berkey and H.  
H. Kelly, who came to this city for  
that purpose from Kankakee, Ill., ac-  
companied the remains to the home  
of the deceased.

## BIG AIRSHIP DISABLED IN WIND

COUNT ZEPPELIN'S DIRIGIBLE  
BALLOON BECOMES UNMAN-  
AGEABLE IN AIR.

### REAR MOTOR FAILS TO WORK

IMMENSE SHIP COULD MAKE NO  
HEADWAY AGAINST STIFF  
BREEZE.

### SAFE LANDING FINALLY MADE

PARTY SPENT ELEVEN HOURS IN  
AIR PURSUED BY SOLDIERS  
IN AUTOMOBILES.

Munich, April 1.—The Zeppelin air-  
ship with the count on board, is be-  
ing swept helplessly over  
try and is a plaything of the  
She is out of control and of  
no hope of making headway  
the increasing wind. Soldiers in  
swift automobiles are racing over the  
country in order to be on hand should  
a descent be attempted.

The airship left Friedrichshafen  
early this morning and five hours later  
appeared on the outskirts of Mun-  
ich, 11 miles having been covered.  
The count's intention was to land in  
the presence of the prince regent  
here, but owing to the increasing  
wind, maneuvers were impossible.

When the airship was sighted at 9  
o'clock, the church bells rang out  
peals of welcome and cannon fired  
salutes. The vessel made its way  
over the exposition grounds and the  
maneuver was greeted with an out-  
burst of cheering. The prince regent  
of Bavaria was present and saluted  
Count Zeppelin, who stood on the  
bridge. The airship then moved off  
in the direction of the palace, where  
it was greeted by the princess of the  
royal family.

### Lands Safely.

Dingolfing, April 1.—The Zeppelin  
airship landed safely at 3 o'clock this  
afternoon, after having spent eleven  
hours in the air. An accident to the  
rear motor threw all of the work on  
the forward one, and thus no headway  
could be made against the wind. The  
circumstances of the journey were  
perilous.

## TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF MRS. H. J. MUELLER

The earthly part of that tabernacle  
which for thirty-three years had been  
inhabited by the sweet spirit of Mrs.  
Zelle Sloan Mueller, was placed on  
board No. 2 passenger train today,  
consigned to the old home in St. Louis,  
where burial will take place. At 7  
o'clock this morning mass was cele-  
brated at the Church of the Immacu-  
late Conception and at 1 o'clock this  
afternoon brief religious services  
attended by very many sympathizing  
friends of the family were held at  
the home on Columbia avenue.

It is with the sincerest sorrow that  
Las Vegas has bidden farewell to the  
bright soul that has exchanged the ties  
of earth for the joys of heaven. During  
her ten years of residence in this  
city Mrs. Mueller endeared herself  
to all who were so fortunate as to  
come within the touch of her sweet  
and gentle influence. Happy-heart-  
ed, kind and generous, cultured, a  
true friend, loving wife and devoted  
mother, she combined in ample mea-  
sure those qualities of mind and heart  
which make for the endowment of  
the best and truest women.

In the city of her adoption her  
memory shall ever be dear. To the  
heart-broken husband and little son,  
the loss is beyond measure. To them  
in this darkest hour of life flows the  
boundless sympathy of the whole com-  
munity.

Mrs. Mueller was born in St. Louis,  
October 22, 1876. Her father, form-  
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